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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BROWN INTERVIEW WITH AL-AKHBAR

1. AL-AKHBAR MAY 20 GAVE BRIEF COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR BROWN'S REMARKS TO AL-AKHBAR REPORTER. ACCORDING TO PAPER, BROWN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BROWN "CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION AND WISHED DISPEL WIDE MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING HIS MISSION IN LEBANON.

B. SOLE U.S. AIM HAD BEEN TO HELP END CIVIL WAR TRAGEDY IN LEBANON.

C. U.S. HAD NO CANDIDATE OF ITS OWN FOR LEBANON PRESIDENCY; BROWN HAD NOT ACTED IN FAVOR OF ANY CANDIDATE AND HAD REFUSED ALL REQUESTS TO SUPPORT ONE OVER ANOTHER. U.S. ONLY WISHED TO SEE MOST POPULAR CANDIDATE CHOSE. ADDED THAT ANY CANDIDATE OPENLY SUPPORTED BY US WOULD HAVE BEEN SURE TO LOSE.

D. U.S. HAD BELIEVED THAT SYRIAN INTERVENTION USEFUL IN SO FAR AS IT CONTRIBUTED TO RESTORATION OF ORDER AND
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SECURITY AND SUPPORTED INTERVENTION ON THAT BASIS ONLY.

2. AFP HAS PICKED UP AKHBAR STORY AND IS DISTRIBUTING
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